



Association of Quartermasters



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We have completed another year and again we averaged about 16 members in attendance at each meeting. We purchased a new Wreath that has been used several times this past year. Twice it was laid on Memorial Day, once at the Memorial Wall in Saint Pauls and again at the Veteran's Park in Hope Mills.

We have worked with the AQM at Fort Lee, VA, and our Quartermaster has been able to establish an up to date roster with over 300 members. We know that some of the contact information we have on file is not totally correct so when we do our mailings in Jan 14 we are expecting a few of them to be returned. After we receive those returned to sender mailings, we will again correct the roster.

After several setbacks, we had our yard sale on Saturday July 27, 2013 at Holden Beach. We took in over \$500.00 that went into the 2014 Reunion fund.

On August 16, 2013, we had a successful Friday night dinner at Memphis BBQ with 18 people in attendance of which 6 were on active duty.

On September 23, 2013, we had to say good bye to the 623rd QM CO Fort Bragg, NC as they were in-activated again. CW2 (R) Jessie C. Moore was presented with a framed picture of himself standing in front of the Company sign dating back to the 1970's.

There was not a Rigger Ball this past year and the Chapter has decided that the International Reunion is our primary focus for the year 2014.

We finished up the year 2013 with our participation in the Veteran's Day Parade. The theme was to pay tribute to our Korean War Veterans. We had 7 riders this year and again it was broadcasted on WRAL TV news. As a side note, CPL Rudy P. Hernandez, who was a Medal of Honor recipient, passed away on December 21, 2013. He was a familiar face at the Golden Corral where we hold our monthly meetings and has attended our breakfast as a guest.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of our members that cannot be with us during our meetings because of their health. We have been made aware that Ken Lewis is in the VA Home on Ramsey Street. Our Quartermaster and I have spoken to Jim Kennebeck, and he is not up to par but still lives in Fayetteville. We

told him about the Reunion and invited him and his wife Elaine. Hopefully both of them will be able to attend. SGM Hebron spoke to Troy Oats at the commissary recently, and he does remember the Red Hats.

Now to next year:

We are still looking for a volunteer to serve as our webmaster. If you have some spare time and would like to be our webmaster, please contact us at the RHC address above. To help us save some money on mailing our newsletters through the postal system, we ask you to contact our Quartermaster at redhatchapterqm@aol.com and provide him with your e-mail address. Once he has your e-mail address, he will remove your name from the mailing address file.

We had a great time planning for the 2104 International Reunion which will be held October 6-10, 2014 in Charleston, SC. We would like to thank the following people for assisting in the planning of this event: Karl & Elaine Whitby, Garry & Roi Dixon and Jess & Julie Jesmer. You can find additional information attached to this newsletter about the reunion.

Now I have a request. As President of the Red Hat Chapter I want to make this reunion a one to remember. To do that the Chapter needs your help. If you can attend the reunion even for just a few days, your support will help. If you are unable to attend, a small donation will go a long way to assist the Chapter in supporting the reunion. We want this to surpass the 2006 Fredericksburg reunion. To do that, we need the support of all its members assigned to the RHC.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our monthly meetings at the Golden Corral this year and especially at the 2014 International Reunion. Have a wonderful year and we hope to see you soon.....Airborne.....!

SFC (R) Karl F. Whitby
President Red Hat Chapter, AQM

Quartermaster Corner

Happy New Years to you all, and I hope everyone had a fantastic time with your families and friends over the holidays. Both Julie and I enjoyed our time with our family and friends with a visit from both of our sons for 10 days and granddaughter for Christmas and a special NYE Party with our neighbors here at the beach. It was a "Great" time for us, and we hope you had a great time as well. The Red Hat Chapter had a great year for 2013, and we want to bring you the events that gave us this wonderful time.

During the past year, we received 27 Supply Room orders both from the RHC Website and at our regularly monthly meetings. Of the 27 orders received, a total of \$881.50 in cash, checks and money orders were received. The orders included red hats, rigger wings, coins, shirts and coffee cups to name a few. I encourage each of you to visit the Website Supply Room to see what is available for sale. The orders received helps the RHC to continue to provide both members and non-members with the items they need to show off their true colors to their friends and family. Please support the RHC by visiting the Website Supply Room soon and place your orders.

The RHC would like to recognize our new members. The table below shows who they are and the type of membership they signed up for. If you personally know these individuals, please acknowledge their membership the next time you see them and thank them for their continued support of the RHC.

LAST	FIRST	RANK	MEMBERSHIP
BOEHM	JOHN	CW4 (R)	LIFETIME
CHRISMAN	FRED	CW4 (R)	LIFETIME
CHRISTIAN	JAMES B.	SMSGT	LIFETIME
LEE	KARL H.	SFC (R)	LIFETIME
MATTHEWS	REUBEN Z.	SFC (R)	LIFETIME
MITCHELL	RONALD A	SPC	2 YEAR
PROSEN	ROBERT J.	SPC	LIFETIME
YOHE	WAYNE A.	SFC (R)	2 YEAR

The RHC holds Monthly & Quarterly 50/50 Drawings throughout the year. Last year we conducted 19 of these drawings. As a result, the RHC raised \$270.00 to support the daily operation of the RHC and the 2014 International Reunion. The table below shows the winners for these drawings and the amount that was collected or donated. The RHC would like to thank these members for their generosity and untiring support throughout the year.

MONTH	EVENT	WINNER	AMOUNT	DONATION	RHC
JAN 2012	MONTHLY 50/50	WAYNE YOHE	\$10.00	NO	\$30.00
	"	BOB CARHUFF	\$10.00	YES	
	QUARTERLY 50/50	GEORGE P. MORRIS	\$33.00	YES	\$33.00
FEB 2012	MONTHLY 50/50	HELGA WEITMAN	\$9.00	YES	\$27.00
	"	ANDY LAUGHLIN	\$9.00	NO	
MAR 2012	MONTHLY 50/50	N/A			
APR 2012	MONTHLY 50/50	GAYLIN JESMER	\$6.00	YES	\$22.00
	"	KARL WHITBY	\$6.00	YES	
MAY 2012	MONTHLY 50/50	BRANDON DIXON	\$9.00	NO	\$29.00
	"	IRIS HORTON	\$9.00	YES	
JUN 2012	MONTHLY 50/50	N/A			
JUL 2012	MONTHLY 50/50	SEAN THOMPSON	\$8.00	NO	\$24.00
	"	BOB CARHUFF	\$8.00	YES	
AUG 2012	MONTHLY 50/50	BRANDON DIXON	\$7.00	NO	\$13.00
	"	BRANDON DIXON	\$7.00	NO	
SEP 2012	MONTHLY 50/50	N/A			
OCT 2012	MONTHLY 50/50	KARL H. LEE	\$8.00	YES	\$35.00
	"	REUBEN MATTHEWS	\$8.00	YES	
NOV 2012	MONTHLY 50/50	GERALD WILLIAMS	\$6.00	YES	\$22.00
	"	GAYLIN JESMER	\$6.00	YES	
DEC 2012	MONTHLY 50/50	KARL WHITBY	\$8.00	YES	\$35.00
	"	GAYLIN JESMER	\$8.00	YES	

In July 2013, the RHC conducted a "Yard Sale" that was held in Holden Beach, NC in support of the 2014 International Reunion. A total of \$505.76 was collected during this event. The RHC wishes to thank the following people for their individual support during this event i.e. Karl & Elaine Whitby; Jess & Julie Jesmer; Jessie & Judy Moore and Garry & Roi Dixon. It was very "HOT" that day, and we couldn't have had a successful event without them.

Additionally, the RHC received several donations from its members during the past year that added up to \$611.00. We would like to acknowledge them for their continued support over the years. We truly need folks like them who share the same values and commitment as our founding members of the RHC. The table below shows who these great supporters are:

LAST	FIRST	DONATION
MADDRY	TED R.	\$300.00
WHITBY	KARL	\$75.00
LEE	WAYMAN E.	\$75.00
MOORE	JESSIE	\$50.00
MASON, Jr	LESTER K.	\$100.00
MATTHEWS	REUBEN	\$3.00
HALL	ROBERT	\$3.00
WEITMAN	HELGA	\$5.00

The Chapter sponsored SGT Eugene Baldwin, a member of the 11th QM Co Fort Bragg, NC, in the Bataan Memorial Death March that was held March 17, 2013 at White Sands Missile Range, NM. The Chapter gave SGT Baldwin a check in the amount of \$400.00 to help offset his travel expenses. On Jan 4, 2014, the RHC paid \$240.00 to Digital Media Production Company for Internet Hosting Fee's to ensure our website runs smoothly and remains active.

During the past few months, I have been working on our manifest. I have taken a list of members assigned to the Red Hat Chapter from the AQM Website and consolidated that list of names with what I have on our manifest. During the consolidation of these lists of names, I discovered that there were many changes in contact information for our members. To help me obtain an accurate mailing list, I contacted these members through their e-mail addresses on file. I have had several responses this way and have updated our manifest accordingly. However, there were some members that I was unable to reach. I also discovered that the AQM has assigned members to the RHC who should have been assigned to other chapters within the AQM and furthermore, I have discovered a couple of our members in the AQM that should have been assigned to the RHC. Never-the-less, there are members who will receive this newsletter and will be wondering how they managed to get on our mailing list. To those members who wish to be assigned to other chapters within the AQM, please contact Ms. Debbie Donovan at: assocqm@aol.com or you may call her at 804 734-3082.

On Jan 2, 2014, I received an e-mail from Debbie Donovan. She sent the following message: The AQM is making changes to all the programs that they support. The following is a list of changes that will be implemented 6 Jan 2014. All changes will be posted to the website this weekend.

- Price increase in membership. Older forms will not be accepted after 6 Jan 2014.
- Criteria changes for OSM and Cat Greene award is as follows: Individuals receiving the award must be in good standing with AQM for 3 years, join for 3 years, paying on lifetime membership or lifetime member. Older forms will not be accepted after 6 Jan 2014. Also, Recommender of the Award must also be in good standing with the Association.
- Scholarship Program. The Association has re-named the Scholarship Program. Details can be found on the website. Criteria change for eligibility of the scholarship program is: Parents, grandparents and spouse of student must be a member of the Association for 3 years, join for 3 years, paying on lifetime membership or lifetime membership.
- All the forms can be found on the website starting 6 Jan 2014.
- Lastly, if your membership has lapsed, you will be deleted from the roles by 15 Jan 2014. Currently, the Association has over 2500 of expired members.
- All changes have been approved by the board. Any questions and concerns can be addressed to me or any board member at: assocqm@aol.com

As soon as the AQM updates their list with current members, I will adjust our manifest accordingly. If you would like a copy of the RHC final manifest, it will be available in Feb 2014. Send your request by e-mail to redhatchapterqm@aol.com, and I will send you a copy. If you don't have e-mail access, then send me a request by mail and I will sent a copy to you.

The 2014 International Reunion for all Parachute Riggers and Air Dispatchers and their guest will be held at the Holiday Inn Charleston-Mt. Pleasant, 250 Johnnie Dodds Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464 from October 5-10, 2014. Attached to this newsletter, you will find your Reunion Reservation Form. It contains important information about the reunion and has some important dates that must be met in order to secure your motel and reunion reservations. The form will also be posted to the RHC Website as well in case you miss place this copy. Any reservation sent in after the April 30, 2014 deadline will be accepted, but full payment for each person will be required. If you have any questions or concerns about the reunion, please contact CW3 (R) Gaylin Jesmer at 910 842-1949 or e-mail him at redhatchapterqm@aol.com. I look forward to seeing everyone at our monthly meetings as well as at this year's reunion.

CW3 (R) Gaylin Jesmer
RHC Quartermaster



We felt a great loss with the passing of our oldest member SGT William "Bill" Steel" in September. We lost our Chaplin, CW2 (R) Jessie C. Moore December 2013, the Chapter will not be the same.

Chaplains Corner January 2014

We have to say good bye to our Chaplin **CW2 (R) Jessie C. Moore**. Jessie passed away at his home on Friday, December 20, 2013, surrounded by his loving family. Jessie has always been a great supporter of this chapter, and he will surely be missed by all of us. Our prays go out to his family, and we are here to support them in any way we can. In Jessie's words: "I have tried every day of my life to pray for you and your family as you serve this great Nation; to lift you up to God to protect, give you safety, and provide for all your needs. I encourage you to help each other along this life's highway. May God bless each of you richly in the days ahead." The members of the Red Hat Chapter pray that he may have a soft landing covered with clouds in heavens drop zone.